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Re: Application No. 10/849,720

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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Arlington, VA 22313-1450
Attention: Louanne C. Krawczewicz Myers

September 2, 2005

Ms. Myers:

In reference to the recent plant patent application, *Hosta* plant named 'Independence', Application No. 10/849,720, Filing Date 05/20/2004, Group Art Unit 1661, Docket No. HSIND 1.1, the applicant respectfully resubmits the substitute specification. Enclosed are two copies of the corrected specification and two clean copies for publication.

I respectfully request that the enclosed specification be accepted and replace the previously filed specification. I believe this resubmitted version addresses all the objections of the examiner, and more clearly and completely describes the plant. No new matter has been introduced. I believe I have adequately addressed all of the objections of the examiner and fully, clearly, concisely and accurately depicted the characteristics of the stated plant.

Please accept the current specification, which, I believe, fits the current requirements. Thank you again for all your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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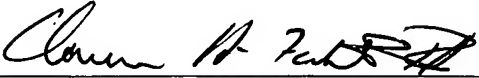
I hereby certify that this correspondence together with all herewith identified enclosures:

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